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EPA's Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler has launched a broad review of the agency's premiere chemical risk analysis program, a move that critics say could allow the new chief and other political appointees to kill or delay pending Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) assessments, including the controversial draft analysis of formaldehyde.

Industry Urges EPA To Reject NMFS' Call To Limit Pesticides' ESA Risks

Pesticide producers are arguing that federal wildlife officials' novel biological opinion (BiOp) calling for limits on certain pesticides to protect listed species backs their claims an Obama-era review process is unwieldy and should be set aside, though environmentalists say EPA's request for input on the review is "a charade" to avoid implementing the protections.

House Science Panel Wins IRIS Bill Jurisdiction But Faces Long Odds

After one false start, House science committee Republicans have advanced their bill scaling back EPA's influential but controversial chemical risk assessment program but the measure still faces long odds as they lack an agreement with the energy committee on the bill's jurisdiction, have no Senate companion and face stiff Democratic opposition.

House Bill Sponsor Balks At Senate Compromise On EPA's PRIA Program

The Republican sponsor of a bill seeking to reauthorize EPA's authority to collect industry fees to support timely pesticide reviews is declining, for now, to back a Senate-passed compromise that would extend the program in

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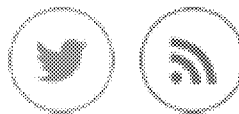
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